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USDA FOR FAS/APHIS/STEINMETJK SECSTATE ALSO FOR EUR/EE;

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1. DURING COURSE OF FINAL REVIEW OF INSPECTION VISIT TO LEVSKI MEAT PLANT, MEAT INSPECTOR FORIEST RAISED IDEA OF VISIT TO U.S. BY BULGARIAN MEAT OFFICIALS INCLUDING INSPECTORS TO REVIEW U.S. STANDARDS AS PRACTICED IN THE UNITED STATES. WHILE DECISION IS REQUIRED BY UPPER LEVEL GOB MINAG OFFICIALS, BULGARIANS SEEMED VERY RECEPTIVE TO IDEA TO SEE FIRST-HAND U.S. OPERATIONS.

2. EMBASSY WISHES TO KNOW IF USDA MAINTAINS FUNDS TO FINANCE SUCH VISITS BY BULGARIAN OFFICIALS. IF BULGARIANS DO DECIDE THEY WOULD LIKE REPRESENTATIVES TO VISIT U.S., QUESTIONS OF POSSIBLE FUNDING AND PROGRAMMING OF VISIT MAY ARISE.

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